THE DEATH OF GLADSTONE.

Estimate of the Grand Old by John Clark Ridpath.

means of destroying it were scarcely improved or modified since the middle ages. In January of that year Sir John

Moore, at Coruna, won his fatal victory

over the French with flintlock muskets. All the arts of modern life were still in

the rudimentary stages. In Great Britain it cost 14 pence to send a letter 200 miles, and in the United States 17 cents for the same service There was not an iron barred tramway on the face of the globe. Men hoped to fly through the air, but had no expec tation of being propelled by steam. In that year, after his sixty-sixth ascenrion, died Francois Blanchard, first aeronaut to cross the English channel. In the farm sheds of the world there was verhaps not a single plow with iron or steel moldboard. The harvest hands in the wheatfields of all countries from Powith sickles. The most rapid transit on the earth or sea was the sading vessel,

and that might be surpassed in speed or race horses. Man's knowledge of nature was only Man's knowledge of nature was only rudimentary. Uranus was then the cutside member of the solar system. The first four asteroids had been discovered in the ten preceding years. Sir Humphry Davy was just recovering from the nervous fever with which he was prestrated on his discovery of so-dium and potassium. The greatest tel-escope of the world was the 20 foot re-flector of the elder Herschel. Young Fraunhofer, in the Institute of Munich, was experimenting with his lenses and private trying to analyze the solar prisons, trying to analyze the solar

The social and domestic life of mankind was equally far away. In Great Britain the system of servitude was still protected. Only a year before the slave trade in the United States had been openly practiced by the merchants of Boston under the constitution. In the home life of England the right of husbands to whip their wives as freely as they might whip their slaves was into parliament as a Tory representa-

In the political state of the world his-forty had appointed France and France had appointed Napoleon to lead a revo-butionary storming party against the ancient order in Europe. The European showed how tolerable slavery might be countries were grouching down close to when the lash was held by such a phi-the walls, hoping that the storm might lanthropist and planter as his father. pass and that they might again emerge to sit on thrones and hunt in parks and a shadowy outline of Gladstone's rise to

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GLADSTONE'S LIFE.

William Ewart Gladstone was born in Liverpool, England, on Dec. 29, 1809.

a reality, was a Tory of the straightest, old fashioned sect. His maiden speech in the house was in the debate upon

the measure abolishing slavery in the the measure aboliahing slavery in the British colonies and was a defense of the staveholders against attacks made by radical abolitionists. For nearly 20 years he was one of the shining lights of the Conservative party and the foremost lleutenant of Sir Robert Peel, its great leader. Then he gradually drifted into Liberalism, and, after being for some time more or less "a free tance," the became a member of Lord Palmer-Homo" and a pamphlat on the Ireahe became a member of Lord Palmer- Homo" and a pamphlat on the ston's cabinet in 1859.

In the house of commons, and when his party regained office in 1868, after Diseracl's first government, Gladstone at-discovered an ode he wrote for The Star tained the premierably. He held it for Miscellany in his nineteenthyear, which when he declared himself in favor of the friend largety from the tone of his anti-the Irish demand for home rule, which Shade of Wat Tyler," and one stanza up to that time he had strenuously op- proceeds in this fashion; sed. The result was the secession of a large body of his supporters and his defeat at the polls in 1886—a defeat which the dauntless veteran afterward retrieved. Gladstone perfectly recogretrieved. nized the fact that his mental history was one of development rather than one of consistency. "I was educated." he is reported as saying in conversa-"to regard liberty as an evil. I That is a formula which sufficiently explains all the changes of my political convictions." A glance at the following chronology will show the principal events in Gladstone's career as a states-

man and author: 1805-December 28, born at Liverpeol, 1801-Graduated at Oxford.

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1846-Resigned
1847-Advocated freedom for Jews.
1842-Chancellor of the exchequer.
1852-Resigned NUL-Resigned. Isis-Lord high commissioner to the In-

rhan laise.

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1850 - Chancellor of the exchequer.

1855 - Leader of the communit.

1855 - In opposition.

them to discuss the pros and cons of every subject, however insignificant. William seldom lost an opportunity of improving the occasion. Once the head master called him to his desk to

I had to avoid the flogging which I saw

learly in my taskmaster's eye. During the Eton period it was ens. mary on market days for some of the more fun loving students to rush through the town with sharp knives, cutting off the tails of the young pigs and bearing them in triumph to their rooms. Gladstone either made a harangue or wrote a sarcastic screed in The Miscellany about the brutality of this. Enemies rose up against him. One night he found three fresh pigtails tied to the inside of his bedroom door, whereupon he pasted upon his door, nside and out, a challenge valling non the despoiler of the pigs "to come forth and take a receipt for their effering. which I will sign in good round hand upon their faces." But elladsione, Jr., was regarded as a tough foe, and the kind invitation was never schnowl-edged or accepted.

In 1850 he was traveling in southern

Europe, when he heard rumors of the despotism of King Ferdinand-Rembaof Naples, who, without any form of trial, had imprisoned in fifthy dungeons over 20,000 persons accused of political offenses. At this time Mr. Gladatons offenses. At this time air trianstone had been nearly 39 years in parliament, so that he had full understanding of the responsibility of medding in the affairs of other countries. He went to fairs of other countries. He went to Naples, made a personal investigation Naples, made a personal investigation of the prisons and found everything worse than had been told about the wretched despot. His "Letter to Lord Aberdeen" (1951) resulted in mild remonstrances from that nobleman, but Lord Palmerston's sympathies were later enlisted by a pamphlet that clearly pictured the sufferings of the Neapolitana, and the tempest of indignation that followed these disclosures enguised Bemba and enled his singly days.

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As a Greek scholar Mr. Gladstone was not a Porsen or a Jebo, but he was capable of taking the same delight in a new Greek play that he did in "Middle, march," Robert Elamere, or a drama by Daudet. He also considered "Esther Waters" and "The Year of Jubilees" "strong and able works, which ought to At the death of that statesman he of Autobiography" (1868), and "Juventus succeeded him as leader of the Liberals Mundi, the Gods and Men of the Herato

I hymn the gullant and the good From Tyler down to Miniswood. My muse the respines grateful sings. The deeds of Miller and of frags. She sings of all who may no late. Have burst subjection a from hain, Have suited the bloody despot a fate. Or cleft a peer or priest in twain!

This is not had, considering that most of his intimate friends at Eton at the time were either sons of peers or priests. But the liberation of Greece was in the air, and Lord Byrna's poems were the companions of every linight schoolbay who had ever heard of Athens or Sparta. Gladstone was an enthusiastic Philbeliene, and Wat Tyler was a faroff enough point to break forth upon in

revolutionary rhapsodies.
Good Americans long ago forgave him for his enunciation of the rights of the "Confederacy," and exet opponents of his "Irish home rule" conceded the integrity of his character and the purity of his motives.

In 1818 he married Miss Margaret Glynne, who was then an horses, 22 years old. She aided and humored her husband from the first and made it a family rule that he should never be contradicted. As a young girl she was a type of the English woman-big, am able, energetic, willing and saving. She was all that any woman could be to a IDED.

The last years of his life were presed at Hawarden number, the property of his, wife, which is practically in the gateway to Wales. This remiserum is - "Ecce Home."

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It was under these conditions and these stars that William E. Gladstone was born. His life line has been drawn lengthwise through the century, but other great lines are three also. Gladstone was born. His was as conspicuous for its human products as had been that for the colonies. Gladstone was born and products as had been that for the colonies. Gladstone was born and products as had been that for the colonies. Gladstone was born and not be same day, came into the world Charles Robert Darwin in England and Abraham Lincoln in Aired Tennyson, chief singer of the first of many paired. The planetary the first proceeding year which brought into being the two world Charles Robert Darwin in England and Abraham Lincoln in America. In this year also was born Aired Tennyson, chief singer of the Entlant and the cache of the presently of the treating the Cri. Madison rather silent in his ambitions, but he

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